

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1). AECA Transmittal No.: 16-58; Date: November 17, 2016; Military Department: Navy; Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On November 17, 2016, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 16-58 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) of Major Defense Equipment (MDE): seventy-two (72) F-15QA aircraft; one hundred forty-four (144) F-110-GE-129 aircraft engines; eighty (80) Advanced Display Core Processor II (ADCP II); eighty (80) Digital Electronic Warfare Suites (DEWS); eighty (80) M61A "Vulcan" gun systems; eighty (80) Link-16 systems; one hundred sixty (160) Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing Systems (JHMCS); three hundred twelve (312) LAU-128 missile launchers; eighty (80) AN/APG-82(V)1 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars; one hundred sixty (160) Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGI); eighty (80) AN/AAQ-13 LANTIRN navigation pods with containers; eighty (80) AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER Advanced Targeting Pods with containers (MDE Determination Pending); eighty (80) AN/AAS-42 Infrared Search and Track Systems (IRST) (MDE Determination Pending); two hundred (200) AIM-9X Sidewinder missiles; seventy (70) AIM-9X Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM); eight (8) AIM-9X Special Training Missiles; twenty (20) CATM AIM-9X missile Guidance Units; twenty (20) AIM-9X Tactical Guidance Kits; two hundred fifty (250) AIM-120C7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); five (5) AIM-120C7 spare Guidance Kits; one hundred (100) AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM); forty (40) AGM-88 HARM CATMs; two hundred (200) AGM-154 Joint Standoff Weapons (JSOW); eighty (80) AGM-84L-1 Standoff Strike Anti-Ship missiles (Harpoon); ten (10) Harpoon exercise missiles; two hundred (200) AGM-65H/K (Maverick) missiles; five hundred (500) GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) Guidance Kits; five hundred (500) GBU-31 (V)1 JDAM Guidance Kits; two hundred fifty (250) GBU-54 Laser JDAM Guidance Kits; two hundred fifty (250) GBU-56 Laser JDAM Guidance Kits; five hundred (500) BLU-111B bombs; five hundred (500) BLU-117B bombs; six (6) MK-82 inert bombs; and one thousand (1,000) FMU-152 Joint Programmable Fuses. Also included were ACMI (P5) Training Pods; Reece Pods (DB-110); Conformal Fuel Tanks (CFTs); Identification Friend/Foe (IFF) system; AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles (NVG); ARC-210 UHF/UVF radios; LAU-118(v)1/A; LAU-117-AV2A; associated ground support; training materials; mission critical resources and maintenance support equipment; the procurement for various weapon support and test equipment spares; technical publications; personnel training; simulators and other training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated value was \$21.1 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$11.5 billion of this total.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of an additional one (1) AGM-154 Joint Standoff Weapon (JSOW) (MDE). The MDE value will remain \$11.5 billion. The total overall case value will remain \$21.1 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided to report the inclusion of an MDE item not previously notified. The proposed article and services will support Qatar's efforts to strengthen its homeland defense, meet current and future threats, and provide greater security for its critical infrastructure inside of its current budget.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national secu-

rity objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: March 24, 2022.

RECOGNIZING UTAH'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of a grateful nation to pay tribute to the unparalleled sacrifices of Utah's Gold Star families. Thank you for your commitment to defending the Constitution of our great Nation. Thank you for your selfless service to others. And thank you for your love of our country, the United States of America. It is essential to our Nation's survival that we recognize and remember the sacrifices you have made.

Given the extraordinary nature of your sacrifices, the duty of recognizing and remembering them is of utmost importance. Furthermore, in a time when our Nation's cardinal values are more regularly attacked, this work mends the fraying fabric of freedom. My purpose today is to honor all that you, the Gold Star families of Utah, have done for our Nation and its citizens.

On August 1, 2020, a group of Utahns gathered at the North Ogden City Hall. There, in the heat of summer, the families, friends, and neighbors of fallen soldiers came together with business leaders and government officials to dedicate the North Ogden City Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. This monument, the first of its kind in Utah, but not the last, recognizes and remembers the sacrifices of Utah's Gold Star families. A similar monument has been built in St. George and will soon be dedicated. The monuments stand as beacons of light and hope, tributes to those who have been lost.

The idea for these monuments was inspired by the work of the Woody Williams Foundation whose mission is "to honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice." Their work, which focuses on the philosophical pillars of homeland, family, patriot, sacrifice, and legacy, gave North Ogden City and St. George a vision of what was possible.

After seeing the monument in North Ogden City, stakeholders in St. George decided they would raise funds, find land, and construct a monument of their own. St. George City, with the help of numerous residents and businesses began the work of designating space, securing over \$100,000 of funding, and planning construction for the monument. The committee worked tirelessly to unify, educate, heal, and inspire others. Months of work led to a beautiful monument which now stands to honor Gold Star families and the losses they have endured.

Eight feet tall and 13 feet wide, the monuments made of solid black granite are two-sided tributes to the fallen. One side of each monument bears the words: "Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom." The other side tells a story across four granite panels highlighting the themes of homeland, family, patriot, and sacrifice. The most significant component of each monument is a gaping hole at the center of the solid granite slabs. The empty space, a silhouette of a saluting servicemember, represents the legacy of the loved ones of the Gold Star families who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Together, these features tell each community's unique story of sacrifice.

On the day of the dedication of the North Ogden monument, powerful stories and memories were shared. I want to highlight just a few.

Kirk Chugg, the director of Follow the Flag North Ogden, said there could be "no better place [for the tribute]. As people go about their day, we hope they see the monument and teach their children what it means. It publicly proclaims to families that we have not forgotten them."

"This will help us remember what America is all about," said Debbie Allen, mother of the late Lt. Kenneth "Kage" Allen. "I think too many people forget what we stand for."

James Laselute, of Layton, was there representing his stepson, the late Lance Cpl. Quinn Keith. He said: "For our family, things like this help us through the grieving process and remind us that our loved one's legacy endures." He continued: "Monuments like this are what keeps their name alive."

Neal Berube, the mayor of North Ogden City at the time of the monument's dedication shared: "The Gold Star designation dates back to World War I, when military families displayed service flags featuring a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the Armed Forces. The star's color would change to gold if a loved one died so the community would know the price the family had paid for freedom."

Mayor Berube then concluded: "The strength of our nation is our military. The strength of our military is our soldiers. And the strength of our soldiers are our families."

As the people of St. George set out to dedicate their Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, similar sentiments have been shared. Jennifer Moxon, Bronwyn Mount, and Mayor Michele Randall—who, with the help of the St. George City Council, staff, and in partnership with the Major Brent Taylor Foundation, have helped lead the development of the St. George monument—have made powerful statements of gratitude and hope.

Jennifer Moxon, mother of the late Sgt. Douglas Lee Moxon, recently

wrote: “We are a family military. The very freedoms that we sometimes take for granted are what our sons and daughters fight for every day.” She continued: “When we lost our son, my perspective changed. The sacrifices these servicemembers and their families make every day are deserving of respect and honor. This monument allows us to pay tribute to the family members who lost loved ones. It is a place where we can come, feel peace, and hopefully recognize their sacrifice will never be forgotten.”

Gold Star Mother Bronwyn Mount, mother of the late Sgt. Bryan Cooper Mount, recently shared: “I am constantly surprised by the realization that so many people all over the country are remembering and honoring Cooper. To have so many people working towards this dedication, for the last 20 months, has been humbling to our family. To have multiple friends and families be willing to donate to the cost of the memorial has touched us deeply. We are so grateful to be able to visit the memorial and think of Cooper’s, and others’, sacrifices. We are grateful for a community that cares about the sacrifice.”

Mayor Michele Randall shared: “On August 6th, 2020, Sgt. Cooper Mount’s flag-draped casket arrived at the St. George airport. Moved by the emotion and patriotism of the procession from the airport to the mortuary, the City of St. George chose to be the second city in Utah to install a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in the heart of the city at historic Town Square. Saturday, March 26th, 2022, will be the dedication of the memorial and the culmination of many hours of work and over \$100,000 dollars raised by our residents. I cannot wait for our community to see this breathtaking monument in remembrance of our Gold Star families.”

I am honored to have the opportunity to highlight the great work that so many people freely participated in to make this memorial, which recognizes and remembers the sacrifices of Utah’s Gold Star families, possible. These monuments are not the last of their kind in Utah or in the United States. More monuments are being discussed, planned, and constructed. The movement to honor Gold Star families across America has taken hold of many communities throughout the country.

Let us not allow this movement to rise in relevance for a moment and then fade. Let us recognize and remember, forever, the sacrifices of our Nation’s Gold Star families.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING OUR BEST RESTAURANT

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding

Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, Our Best Restaurant of Smithfield, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1990, the late Kenneth Way and his wife Kay embarked on a new adventure in the autumn of their lives. After retiring from a career in the retail industry, Kenneth bought an old wheat mill in Smithfield, KY, population 100. Joined by his wife Kay who had just retired from her career serving the Kentucky State government, the two opened Our Best Restaurant. Kenneth’s son Kenny Way will tell you himself that his father was not in the restaurant business; he was in the “people business.” Kenneth’s motto was that if you treat people well, your business will succeed no matter what you do. Clearly, Kenneth was on to something as his restaurant and legacy continue to thrive for the past 32 years.

Kenneth’s son Kenny Way now owns and operates the business, carrying on his father’s mission of providing top quality service to everyone who walks in the door. Though Our Best Restaurant consistently serves delicious country cooking, it is the warm and friendly atmosphere that keeps people coming back time and time again. With a population as small as Smithfield’s, the restaurant cannot depend on the typical walk-in customer that other Main Street businesses often see; their bread and butter are the locals—and even visitors, who keep coming back. A change in ownership never stopped their “regulars” from choosing Our Best Restaurant because Kenny learned from his late father that a loyal customer will only come back if you treat them right. That is why the staff of Our Best Restaurant put in such an effort to get to know their customers, to meet their families and their children, to ask them about their day, and to show that they care about the customer’s experience beyond just the meal.

Such high-quality customer service and food have allowed Our Best Restaurant to grow and expand. Since 1990, they have expanded their dining space and have branched out to offer catering services besides from their dine-in operations. The catering business became a crucial stream of revenue for the restaurant as the COVID-19 pandemic put a temporary end to in-person dining. Local energy and utility companies turned to Our Best Restaurant to safely serve meals to their employees during the height of the pandemic. Our Best Restaurant has consistently proved to be a steadfast member of the small community of Smithfield. The restaurant maintains great relationships with the local high school, looking out for the local students and always feeding them a hearty meal of Kentucky country cooking.

The reputation of the feel-good-food and friendly atmosphere of Our Best Restaurant has allowed them to be a

destination in themselves. They often have folks drive in from Jefferson County and Franklin County to enjoy their famous cooking. And of course, any and all visitors receive the same smalltown welcome as any Smithfield local would. Our Best Restaurant is the entrepreneurial embodiment of the late Kenneth and Kay’s dream come true and a wonderful example of a father’s mission carried on by his son. All across the country are little towns like Smithfield, areas that contain little more than a post office and a church, and it is businesses like Our Best Restaurant that keep those small communities thriving. Congratulations to Kenny, his son Aric, and the entire Our Best Restaurant team. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4373. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 6968. An act to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7108. An act to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3580. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Paul J. Schlise, to be Rear Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Maria B. Barrett, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Tickner, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Tina B. Boyd and ending with Col. Todd W. Traver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Paul J. McCarthy)

Navy nomination of Capt. Jeffrey J. Kilian, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).